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Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20581

Re: Certification: New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc.

Submission #05.192 (Listing of Additional Strike Prices for the

Gold, Silver, Copper, Natural Gas, Crude Oil, Unleaded Gasoline and Calendar

Spread Option Contracts)

## Dear CFTC Commissioners:

Pursuant to COMEX Rule 15.03(c), COMEX Rule 16.03, COMEX Rule 17.04 and NYMEX Rule 300.20, the President of the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("Exchange") has directed that additional strike prices be added for certain contract months in the Gold, Silver, Copper, Natural Gas, Crude Oil, Unleaded Gasoline and Calendar Spread option contracts as detailed below:

- (A) On October 24, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:
  - 1.at the strike price of 30000 for the February 2006 contract month of the Unleaded Gasoline option contract;
  - 2. at the strike price of 10750 for the June 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
  - 3. at the strike prices of 8700 and 10750 for the September 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
  - 4.at the strike price of 14500 for the December 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
  - 5. at the strike price of 14500 for the March 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
- (B) On October 25, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:
  - 6.at the strike prices of 12700, 12950 and 13950 for the December 2005 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
  - 7. at the strike price of 20500 for the January 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

- 8.at the strike price of 65 for the January 2006 contract month of the WTI Crude Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract;
- 9.at the strike price of 515 for the February 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;
- 10. at the strike price of 220 for the March 2006 contract month of the Copper option contract:
- 11. at the strike price of 13700 for the March 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
- 12. at the strike price of 9100 for the March 2006 contract month of the Crude Oil option contract;
- 13. at the strike price of 8900 for the April 2006 contract month of the Crude Oil option contract;
- 14. at the strike price of 17000 for the April 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
- 15. at the strike price of 11250 for the March 2007 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
- (C) On October 26, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:
  - at the strike price of 17100 for the December 2005 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
  - 17. at the strike price of 17900 for the January 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
  - 18. at the strike price of 17900 for the March 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
  - at the strike price of 9200 for the March 2006 contract month of the Crude Oil option contract;
  - 20. at the strike price of 600 for the April 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;
  - 21. at the strike prices of 12100 and 12400 for the June 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

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- (D) On October 27, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:
  - 22. at the strike price of 1500 for the December 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract; and
  - 23. at the strike price of 182 for the December 2006 contract month of the Copper option contract.

Pursuant to the terms of COMEX Rule 15.03(c), COMEX Rule 16.03, COMEX Rule 17.04 and NYMEX Rule 300.20, the strike prices noted above are in increments that are consistent with the pricing for the underlying futures contract. COMEX Rule 15.03(c), COMEX Rule 16.03, COMEX Rule 17.04 and NYMEX Rule 300.20 permit such directed strike prices to be effective upon adoption, provided that notice to the CFTC is given within three business days of the strike price listing.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2207.

Very truly yours,

Brian Regan Vice President & Counsel

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